

cheat na kaineke
no okage de
rakuraku
level up!!!

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レベルアップ。

森田季節

イラストファルまる

さらに獣人にして、
いちやらぶ
します。

Cheat na Kaineko no Okage de Rakuraku Level Up

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beastman

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お前にプレゼント
してやる!!

ミーシャ。この戦いの勝利、



村田ケイジ

主人公。転生者。
チートな飼い猫・ミーシャと
一緒に転生してきた。
ダンジョンで金を稼ぎ彼女を
人化させようと頑張る。

ミーシャを人間にしてやるんだ



ミーシャ

メス猫。転生者。
ケイジの飼い猫だったが、
転生の際に
最強チートな能力を
付与され喋る猫となった。
ご主人様が大好き。

絶対に人間の女の子になって
らぶらぶするんだから！

レナ

ライカンスロープの少女。
元盗賊で、ケイジに倒され改心し
犬耳メイドとして働いている。
気っ風が良く義理人情に厚い性格。

旦那と姉御に助けられた恩を
どうやって返すか考えたんだよ

ルナリア

宿屋の娘。猫好きで
大人しい性格の美少女。
魔物から救ってくれた
ケイジに惚れている。

はう、ミーシャちゃん、本当にかわいいです

アリア

ギルドの受付嬢。
長い髪が印象的な女性。
立場上目立つ存在ではないが、
ギルド内では期待の若手。

ケイジさん、おめでとうございます!

Chapter 1: Reincarnated together with my house cat

My name is Murata Keiji and I own a cat.

Her name is Misha and she is three years old this year.

She has jet black fur.

I almost named her “Kuro” , but after many considerations, I ultimately decided to call her Misha.

I started working in a company while taking care of her at the same time.

The company I work at is a foreign place.

Of course, I do not even have any friends. ;w;

Occasionally, my colleague will call me because of work but I am unable to comprehend their words due to their strange accent. (T.L. Japanese have many dialects e.g Kansai dialect which is quite different from normal Japanese)

That’s correct, the situation is so bad that I am unable to understand what they are saying.

During winter, snow can accumulate until its is 10 meters in thickness and there are cases of death due to this occurring in the neighbourhood.

I thought of quitting my job many times.

However, I managed to persevere because Misha is here with me.

Misha is my one and only friend.

Although it is quite vexing to feed Misha, whenever I felt depressed because of work, amazingly Misha will comfort me by crawling into my lap

On one of the days during winter, Misha was 'meowing' in front of the doorsteps.

This indicates that she wanted to go outside.

But cats generally dislike cold weather.

Despite disliking cold weather, Misha still enjoyed walking in the neighborhood for 10 minutes.

Even though I said that it is a walk, the only one walking was me as I carried Misha in my arms.

It was snowing that day and the visibility was poor.

Furthermore, ice is also forming on the surface of the road.

"It is likely that cars will skid during days like these."

One has to be especially wary of trucks.....

There has been an increase in the number of accidents that occur in countries that snow during winter.

There are many cases where cars are not able to stop in time.

All of a sudden, one of the trucks skidded and is heading towards my direction.

"Nya-!"

Misha was also surprised and cried out.

However, I am very calm right now.

Is it that simple to be knocked over by a truck?

I dodged the truck magnificently and jumped over a railing

Eh?

Railing?

I am currently on a bridge.

Under the bridge, there is a shallow river with flowing water.

With a strong momentum, I fell from the bridge.

Similarly, Misha also fell and crashed into the river.

"Wow..... such an amazing way to die ne"

I discovered that a Goddess has appeared in front of me.

"To die after avoiding the truck.... And the cat also died..... Although the great me is impressed that you died because you tried to protect the cat."

"Even if you are that surprised....."

"Nya-"

"Oh, Misha also came with me!"

If that's the case, did Misha die because of me?

"To tell you the truth, I don't really care about you but the great Goddess that is me love cats."

You are too truthful, Goddess.

"Because this is a rare opportunity, let's reincarnate the cat together with you."

"Thank you very much! This is the best!!!"

Also long as I have Misha, I do not mind going to any hellish place.

"Then let's settle with you having strong powers and reincarnate you together with your cat!!"

"Thank you very much!"

The Goddess extended her hand towards me.

Both Misha's body and mine started to glow.

After this, we just have to wait until the reincarnation is completed.

For some reason, the Goddess suddenly showed a serious expression.

"Oh, I made a mistake....."

Wait a minute.

Now, goddess, what are you saying?

"I mixed up the settings..... Oh well, let's carry on with this anyway!"

This extremely worrying statement was also the last words I heard from the Goddess.

The next thing I noticed, I am standing in front of a huge summoning circle.

"Oh, it seems another human came out."

The man that looked like a leader seemed to have extremely strong arm strength.

"This city is called Meire, capital of the country of Gatoreddo. This summoning circle is actually able to summon humans from another world."

I was informed of something that I have never heard of before.

Well, it is impossible to know of something that I was never informed of beforehand.

"However, it is rare to be summoned together with a cat....."

猫と一緒に転生してへるなんて珍しいな……

モーシヤ
Lv.71

ケイジ
Lv.1



Misha was lying comfortably in my arms.

"Nya~~"

Well well, as long as Misha is here, anything is fine to me.

Although the Goddess made a mistake, there doesn't seem to be anything out of the ordinary.

All of a sudden, the man presents a set of leather armor and a metal sword to me.

"The timing is just right, we are leaving soon, so wear your armor now."

"Where are we going?"

"We are gathering all the new adventurers to head to the dungeon together, out of our consideration for your situation. Because there is nothing we can do about it, you can only persevere and survive."

In fact, I also experienced working in a foreign environment and suffered in my previous life.

The man said that if I am able to achieve good results in the dungeon, I could be hired directly by the country.

As the dungeon is fully packed with monsters, it is extremely difficult to proceed through it.

The country can obtain excellent soldiers through this method so it benefits them as well.

"Well, those that came from another world usually have very high status. A normal citizen is Lv 1 while an adventurer is around Lv 15. Maa, because there is no commitment unlike that of a country soldier, around these level might be a little bit good"

(T.L I know it doesn't make sense because I myself don't understand the meaning of it so I resort to word for word translation)

Oh yar, the Goddess gave me some strong power.

"If you want to see your status, just quietly chant 'status' in your mind."

I chanted silently while feeling excited.

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Keiji

Lv 1

Occupation: NA

Strength: 9

Magic Power: 2

Attack Power: 6

Defence: 5

Agility: 5

Intelligence: 8

Ability: NA

Others: Cat owner

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"What, such an ordinary stats."

Goddess, something is clearly wrong here! I will easily die during combat!

It is better not to enter the dungeon.....

I might really die.

Misha left my arms and went outside.

"Hey! You will get lost!"

Misha finally stopped.

The place she stopped in front of is a carriage with the word "To dungeon" written on it.

"Does Misha want to go?"

This became some sort of a push to me.

I decided to ride on the carriage.

On the moving carriage, I was given a simple explanation.

The dungeon we are heading to has at least 30 floors underground so it is very deep. Usually, one can dive into a floor proportional to one's own level.

For example, if a person is Lv 5, he is able to make it down to the 5th floor.

Moreover, after entering the dungeon and heading back to the carriage, I am able to receive a commission of 3000 coins, which is equivalent to around 30000 yen

This amount should be sufficient for my daily life for a short period of time?

If one is able to make it to 15th floor, it seems that he will be given a further commission of 15000 coins as a reward. Is this the so called "guaranteeing the future of talented individuals"?

This is equivalent to 150000 yen? Not bad considering its just temporary funds.

However, it is impossible for a Lv 1 like me.....

A beginner male adventurer whom is also riding on the carriage approaches and started talking to me.

"Hey, we are all aiming for 15th floor no? Although our party already has 4 people going, it doesn't matter if one more joins."

"I am extremely grateful for your offer, but what is everyone's level?"

"Lv 14 why?"

"I am Lv 13"

"Lv 16 yo~"

"Lv 15 ne~"

See, everyone gathered here is around lv 15.

"I, am Lv 1 only"

"Hey hey, don't make such a joke just because you dislike going together with us"

"It's the truth...."

Among the serious expressions, came a glance of pity.

The path of becoming an adventurer is over....

"Nya~"

Misha cried out despite the strange atmosphere.

Chapter 2: The strongest house cat

"Lv 1 is it..... You sure have it hard....."

"Maa~, it's good just being alive"

I am totally being pitied by these people.

Maa~, I'll just have to accept that so as to not be seen as a fool.

"Nevertheless, you can't do much alone with your current level so it is better for you to follow us. As long as we can reach the 15th floor, we can earn 15000 coins. With that type of money, it is sufficient to last you for 2 months"

"Really, thank you very much"

I sincerely lowered my head.

If these adventurers had abandoned me, I would have no one else to turn to.

"Oh yar, what sort of creature are you holding?"

One of the adventurers, an approximately 20 plus years old female asked while pointing at Misha.

"Are~, you do not know what a cat is?"

Oh right, this person came from a world without cat. There are worlds where

cats do not exist. Such a pity. You lost 30% of the joys of life. In this current world, it looks like ordinary cats exist so she could also experience the cuteness of cats here.

No, it's okay, compared to living in a world without cats, it seems that my current situation is even more pitiful.....

After an hour of traveling, our carriage finally arrived at our destination.

There is a small cave near the mountain's side and a stair further in. It seems that we have to go down from here.

"Whatever monster it is, I'm not afraid at all!"

The man that initially talked to me became our leader and we proceeded down the dungeon.

There are five members in the party including me.

Furthermore, I am worried whether I am allowed to bring Misha into the dungeon, but it seems that there is no problem.

A level 1 like me is never treated as a fighting potential and is totally ignored.

We defeat monsters such as slime and lizards continuously, and the party proceeded down the dungeon smoothly.

It seems that it's generally true that one is able to conquer floor equivalent to their own level. Since the beginning, we have been proceeding through the dungeon with ease.

Of course I did not do anything, but just follow along with them.

The only thing is, I have just been standing at a corner.

As Misha is also here, the atmosphere is quite calm.

"This cat, is very cute na~"

It is risky even battling small fries monster (T.L. Thanks Milanin for pointing out what zako monster is)

We just have to pat Misha's head after the battle to sooth our hearts.

Misha is not only friendly and provide warmth to me but also the strangers.

We managed to safely arrived at the 15th floor afterwards.

Now we just need to return, but the party wanted to walk around since we reached this far.

My opinion does not have any persuasive power, and I just followed them obediently. However, what we experienced after this is something that none of us could have ever expected.

There is a small sized golem in front of us.

The golem is made up of multiple blocks of stone.

There are two stones emitting a strange glow on the face of the golem which should be it's eyes.

As expected, strong monsters should appear once we reached into such a deep floor.

"It's only of this level, this is no big deal!"

One of the man sliced the golem with his sword.

However — it doesn't appear to be effective.

The golem then raises its arm high.

Boooooooooom!

The head of the man just exploded.

It should be instant death. His blood is flowing out non-stop.....

The atmosphere in our environment changed instantly.

It seems that such horrible monsters would appear on this floor ahhh.....

Actually, we were told that we only have to reach the 15th floor, but we didn't expect that there is such a meaning behind it. It is not unusual that there are monsters on this floor that could not be defeat using normal weapons.

We did not think that the opponent would be a golem.

"That's right, the official riding with us on the carriage told us to look out for the golem..... It appears that they will appear on the 15th floor and requires you to be at least Lv 20 to defeat them....."

Such an important piece of information, I would like to know of it sooner.....

"Does anybody know how to use recovery magic!?"

I scream out in panic.

"It's impossible for us to use revival magic"

This is extremely bad! We never expected to meet such a strong foe here.

Following this, the golem smashed the red haired woman and sent her flying into a wall.

"Let's escape! We cannot defeat such an opponent!"

The Lv 16 man screamed out this line.

The leader of the party also nodded his head in agreement.

I could only carry Misha while running and crying at the same time.

It is impossible to conquer this dungeon....

However —

Another golem appears at the other end of the pathway.

Shit

We are surrounded by golems.

"Anyone knows how to use sleep magic?" The Lv 16 man asked us.

"I (Boku) am a warrior! So no!" The leader replied this way.

There is no choice other than to fight so the two dashed forward to attack —

It is impossible for the two of them.

One swing of the golem's hand and the two men were sent flying.

It has exactly the meaning as what was written in the text.

Despite trying to protect their body, as the enemy's attack power was too high, any defense mounted is useless.

The only one left alive is me.

What to do.....

I didn't expect that I will die so soon....

However, there is no escape route.

There are golems on both sides.

It is already over

Misha might be able to escape from the golem using the small gaps, but I don't think she could survive alone in this dungeon.

I am very sorry for bringing you into this dungeon

At that moment, Misha jumped out of my arms.

Ahhhh, she should be feeling afraid.

Animals are exceptionally sensitive to danger.

Misha, at least you could survive slightly longer —

Misha dashed and stopped in front of the golem.

"Stop! Don't kill her"

This way, Misha will become an easy target!

The golem swings down it's arm towards Misha.

However —

Misha evaded the attack with a frighteningly fast speed —

She jumped towards the golem, and uses cat punch.

Kaboom.

A heavy sound resounded.

That attack alone smashed the golem into many pieces.

"Eh.....?"

Is this a dream? This is a dream right?

The golem is destroyed by Misha.

However, now is not the time to slowly observe the situation leisurely.

There is one more golem that is still here.

Instantly, Misha quickly turned her body around —

"Kishaaaaa-!"

Misha once again started to attack the golem, and hit the golem's chest using her front paw.

A big hole began forming around the chest area, and the golem became quiet.

"Is this real....."

Misha easily defeat the two golems.

Suddenly, I remember what the goddess said at that time.

This is what the goddess said.

..... I mixed up the setting between the two of you.

In other words, my status which should have cheat power was imputed wrongly, while Misha who should have normal status now has the strongest cheat power.

If this is the situation, we can explain the reason behind Misha's strength.

Rather than that, this is the only plausible explanation.

Rub Rub.

Misha sat down directly in front of me.

She raises her head and stared at me with her eyes.

This is the "I am a good child, so pat me!" pose.

"That's right, you did well"

I started patting Misha's head gently.

Chapter 3: The talking house cat

As the dead adventurers' bodies were scattered all along the pathway, I collected the debris from the golem, and built a makeshift tombstone.

If I at least had a shovel, I would like to dig a proper grave.

Those items that were contained in their bags – found in the dungeon or dropped by enemies – can be kept by the finder.

Although some people might blame me for robbing a dead person, however, this world is different from my original safe world.

I do not even have a home to live in, so it is better to have some items on hand. The dead adventurer will surely understand.

I walked towards the exit of the dungeon.

On the way, naturally we met some monsters, but Misha demolished all of them.

I picked up the sword from a destroyed skeleton warrior, and my equipment slightly improved.

I also picked up the items that the enemy dropped.

There is a magic stone that looks like a gem inside the body of monsters, which is the source of energy for the monsters to move.

Hence, I collected all of these as they could give me a source of income.

"— and hence that is how it is, I made it to the 15th floor. The proof is the fragment from the golem"

I returned to the carriage and reported the situation, but the official's facial expression changed immediately.

"Are.... you, Lv 1 is it.... but, it's true that a golem will only appear on the 15th floor...."

I didn't know if I should explain the situation regarding Misha, but I decided to remain silent.

What if Misha is recruited to be a solider, my time together with Misha will only decrease. (T.L. Lol I cannot imagine a cat solider....)

"All the other party members were killed by the golem. I am the only lucky one to have survived"

I did not tell a single lie.

"I see.... I can only admit that you managed to reach the 15th floor...."

I properly received 15000 coins.

I also sold the magic stone that I picked up to a shop, and received another 7000 coins.

So in total I earned 22000 coins (T.L. 220,000 Yen/ \$1800 USD/ \$2750 SGD)

This sum of money will allow me to stay in an inn, although it is the capital but there are also some cheap inns.

Other thing worth mentioning, I did not accept the invitation to join the military.

Unn, because Lv 1 is a bit....

I found an inn that cost 500 coin per night on that day, and decided to stay there.

The place is a bit small but I was attracted by the rice meal they offered.

"Hahaha, you, are an otherworldly adventurer ne~. It is troublesome, but do your best!"

The inn owner encourages me, and my spirit is lifted ever so slightly.

"Ano~, could I bring in my pet companion?"

The inn owner looked at Misha.

Misha gave a friendly “Nya~” out.

"Of course there is no problem at all!"

Aaaah, in Japan, the hygiene requirement will be very strict.

The room is not wide, but the facilities are still alright, although I did not intend to live here for long.

First of all, let's try the bed, alright!

Misha is also very curious of the room, jumping onto the bed, or crawling under the bed to investigate.

After that, I sat on the chair next to a coffee table and Misha jumped onto my

lap.

"Misha, what should we do from now on?"

My bad habit of talking to Misha started again.

"I will earn the income for both of us, since you are only Lv 1 nya~. If you don't mind, we could also enter the dungeon together and hunt monsters nya~?" (T.L. I added the nya~ since its first time Misha is speaking)

"Of course yo~. I will earn my own living expenses"

"I am very happy if that's how you think. Of course I will help you"

"Goshujinsama is only Lv 1, it's a fact that we cannot change. You can slowly level up, no need to worry"

"Aaa, I am so happy that I own such a good cat...."

Are~

Something, there is something strange here.

Who on earth am I talking to?

"What is it? Suddenly becoming so silent, are you touched by what I did?"

"You, are you Misha?"

Misha who is on my lap turned her face and look at me.

"Goshujinsama is the one who gave Misha her name. Please take responsibility and remember my name properly"

"No no no! This is not what I meant! How come Misha is suddenly able to talk!?"

"Un. It will be extremely troublesome if other people found out, so I kept saying 'nya~'. However, there is no other people in this room"

It's true that Misha is moving her mouth when speaking.

"So there is such a reason...."

"So ne~, it is because of the goddess ne~"

She is able to interact without any difficulties.

"Nee, do you have any memo we could write on? We need to discuss what we need to do later on"

Honestly speaking, I felt that the way Misha spoke is arrogant. Well, this is how a cat usually is. Some of my subordinates in Japan felt that keeping a dog is better.

"Etto.... I remember one of the items I found in the dungeon included some paper"

There were 20 pieces of paper, a quill and a bottle of ink found in a set.

It is not made of animal hide. Generally, the technology in this world is good enough to make paper.

"Well then, let's talk. So ne~, first of all, the most important thing is to earn money"

"Maa, that's how it is"

Even after arriving in the other world, the importance of having money did not change.

"We cannot proceed with this ne~. However, I do not know how much time it will take, but it is quite easy to earn money yo~"

"Does Misha intend to enter the dungeon?"

Defeat the monster and collect their magic stone.

"That's the plan. We can have a stable income if we keep doing this. However, I do not want other people to know my cheat power if possible, so it is better if we can hide it ne~"

"What do you mean?"

"I saw the poster at the shop selling magic stones. There is a guild in this world. Goshujinsama, you must join the adventurer's guild"

Misha used a commanding tone and ordered me.

"It will be strange if an ordinary man brings a cat to the dungeon every single day. Whether it is the guild or the military, as long as they feel something is strange about it, the matter regarding me might be exposed"

"Misha...."

"What? Is there any part you don't understand?"

"How do you know such information....?"

No matter what you say, the information is too detailed!

"Goshujinsama, don't you always read these type of novel on your computer? I also saw it when I was behind you. Although when I climbed up your desk, and disturb you those time"

"You, you can read words...."

"Although half of it might seem to be a lie. Using the power of the goddess, not only is my physical ability enhanced, but my memory and understanding

power also greatly increased"

"I understand the reason now...."

Maa, the power of the goddess, it's equivalent to a cheat.

"Back on the topic. Go join the guild. On the surface, if it is an adventurer, entering the dungeon will be a very natural thing. Although it is still eye-catching to carry a cat and enter the dungeon, there are also cases where a sailor kept a cat on his ship to catch mice, so this much might be acceptable"

I wrote down "money, guild" on the piece of paper.



Although I intended to write it down in Japanese, I realized that all the words were in this world's language before I noticed it.

After coming to this world, I haven't tried reading any words yet.

"I also want a house to stay in. However, that will be somewhere in the future. It costs 500 coins to stay for a night, so we must earn at least that extent

of money"

As I was talking to a cat sitting on my lap, I could not calm down.

Anyway, I also wrote down "a house to live".

"After this, it is the purchase of magic books. Maa, let's just window shop first, but sooner or later we will have the money"

"Do you intend to teach me magic?"

Why, that should be something we do further in the future.

"I have already decided"

Misha said as if she was stating a fact.

"Ee, if there is transformation magic.... I want to become a human...."

Is Misha embarrassed? She turned her face over to the other side.

"No matter what, I want to become a human and make out with goshujinsama...."

Chapter 4: Searching for the Magic Grimoire

I would also like to make out with Misha in her human form.

After all, we have been living together for 3 years already.

Those lovers with bad compatibility would have already broken up, but the two of us are still living together until now.

"Maa.... let's make that one of our goals. Oh right, take a look at my status as well"

Oh right, I don't know how strong Misha currently is.

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Misha

Lv 71

Occupation: Neko (Cat)

Strength: 674

Magic Power: 644

Attach Power: 759

Defence Power: 590

Agility: 895

Intelligence: 702

Ability: Usage of speech, Recovery (5), Poison Heal (5), Paralyze heal (5), Illusion (5), Mind Magic (5). (T.L Not sure if 幻惑 = Illusion?, 洗脑 = Mind

magic?)

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So strong....

No wonder she is able to one hit K.O. the golem.

"The number (5) written behind the magic is the level of proficiency. It seems like beginner level will be {Recovery (1)}" (T.L. while "Recovery (5)" is the highest proficiency)

Regardless, let's depend on Misha for the time being.

For the time being, in order fill up our stomach, I went down to the first floor of the inn together with Misha.

This inn comes with a dining hall. It is correct to say that their business includes serving as a restaurant instead of only as a inn.

"nya~"

Misha lets out a cry to camouflage (as a normal cat).

"Ano~, is fine to bring a cat into the dining hall ne~?"

I asked the okamisan who looked like a typical mother character. (T.L. Okamisan = Inn lady boss)(E.D. Keikaku means plan)

"That child looks extremely obedient so it's fine! However, if that child ate another customer's food, you must pay for the food ne~"

"I understand. I will be extremely careful"

Maa~, Misha would never do such a thing, in fact Misha is more well behave

than ordinary children when inside of a store.

Food can be ordered from the menu, and guests staying at the inn can have their meals for free. Because the inn fee is fixed, I would be troubled asking for anything expensive.

The dish I ate today is chicken and vegetable fried rice.

It's similar to the chicken fried rice I've ate in Japan, but the seasoning used is totally different so the taste is also different.

"The nutritional balance is just about right, Gaahaahaaha!"

Okamisan is such a strong character. (T.L. In terms of personality)

She is the type of lady you would want to see when you are feeling depressed.

"And this, this is for neko-chan"

Some roasted chicken meat was served on a small plate.

"Thank you very much for going out of your way to prepare this" (T.L. Wazawaza arigatougozaimasu)

You can't experience such conversation in a large hotel.

"Our customer's pet is also like our house pet!"

The occhan in the kitchen also nodded his head silently. (T.L. Occhan = uncle)

I felt that okamisan have already expressed whatever the occhan wanted to say.

Well then, it is wasteful just eating a meal.

This is a good opportunity to collect some information.

"Okamisan, I am a person transported from another world. Could I have more information regarding this world?"

"Hahahaha! Sure, sure! Only today is special so I will tell you for free!"

I felt that such characters will also appear in the downtown of Tokyo.

First of all, I need to confirm the most basic information.

This city is Meire, the capital of the country of Gatoreddo.

It's a big country with vast volumes of territory on the continent.

In addition, there are countries of elves and dwarves which are small countries, but war has never occurred.

Apparently, it seems that each species has their own country.

Next is the current situation of this continent.

Now, due to the revival of the Maou-sama (Demon King), there was an increase in all types of monsters.

The country coped with this by having a strong army of adventurers.

Those summoned from another world were viewed especially highly due to their high status.

There is even the formation/appearance? of "hero parties".

Most commoners did not face any dangerous situations, and the capital city of Meiru is also extremely peaceful.

This amount of information is already sufficient.

As if satisfied, Misha let out a cry.

As I am extremely tired on that day, I slept very well.

During the time when I slept, Misha climbed and settled down on my stomach.

She functioned as a natural hot water bag.

The next day, before heading towards the adventurer's guild, I searched for a store that sells grimoires.

As I expected, okamisan naturally does not know anything regarding the sale of grimoires,

Maa, in Japan, if I asked "Where can I find a specialized bookstore that sells medical books?", most people would not be able to answer. This should be the same. (T.L. Referring to the innkeeper's lack of knowledge)

After searching for a long time, I finally found the shop in a small alley.

The cheapest item costs 20,000 coins. Multiplying it by ten times in order to convert it to the Japanese yen, it would cost 200,000 yen....

I asked the shop owner whether there are any books related to transformation magic,

"Such topics are usually taught by the Master Magician" (T.L. Sorry I am extremely bad at such terminology > 魔導士の師匠 = Master Magician?)

The shop owner took out an item after the explanation.

However, the price of that item is 1.2 million coins

Misha's tail drooped down in disappointment.

I can't buy this if I don't earn more money.

The adventurer's guild is expectedly close to the grimoire shop.

I opened the door (to the adventurer guild), and the interior is bigger than what I imagined.

The right area of the guild served as the reception area, while the left area served as a bar.

Because the guild also has an area to serve food, naturally it will be this wide. Instead of calling this place lively, I would think of it as noisy.

Misha is also looking around the guild. (T.L. Original sentence: Misha is 'kyorokyorō'-ing while looking around the surroundings, but I shortened the sentence to make it sound more grammatically correct)

Bringing a cat to a foreign place will cause the cat to be more alert.

Sometimes Misha would also show such cat-like reaction.

However, Misha must be collecting information from this place to show such

a reaction.

Furthest to the right is the counter to buy and sell items, eto~, so the reception desk is over that side, right?

Since there are no other customers, I was able to immediately speak to the receptionist.

Not even 20 years of age, the receptionist could still be called a young girl. Her long black hair left a deep impression on me.

"Is this the first time that you have visited the guild?"

She said so with her face full of smiles.

"Aa, as expected, you know ne~"

Because I genuinely look like an ordinary person.

"I would like to join the guild, but before that, could I have some explanations regarding the guild?"



Chapter 5: Level up

The receptionist explained about the matters relating to the guild while maintaining a smile.

"First of all, the guild employs a ranking system. There are seven ranks in total, starting from the highest to the lowest, the ranks are S, A, B, C, D, E, and F. You can raise your rank up till B by completing quests and accumulating points"

Maa, it's a very logical system.

"You need to do something else to get to S and A rank, right?"

"In a nutshell, you need to pass an interview and a written examination. If you ask me why, it is because the dignity and morals of the adventurers must be inspected at those ranks"

I guess it is not possible to bulldoze your way through with brute strength.

"Can I accept any type of commission?"

"You can only accept commissions 1 rank higher than your own ranking. Another thing, regarding the rules of higher rank commissions, it is usually given by appointment. Although you could reject an appointed commission, your ranking will be downgraded as a punishment if you keep on rejecting"

Maa, an important commission would not be designated to an unknown fellow.

"Next, I have to collect your registration fee and annual membership fee. The total cost for F rank is 300 coins"

While thinking that it costs the equivalent of a CD album, I paid the 300 coins.

"Okay then, please write down your particulars such as name and occupation. Because this will be considered by the guild when giving out commissions, please write it as detailed as possible. However please produce actual results to proof your competence during F and E rank"

"I understand, I understand"

I also wrote Misha onto the form.

Since there are comments (by the receptionist), let's leave it as it is.

From behind come a voice that said "Aa, it's a cat".

It seems that cats are also popular in this world.

"Aa, that's right, I am thinking of going to the dungeon to increase my level, are there any commissions?"

"The guild used to issued commissions to enter the dungeon, but now everyone seems to just enter the dungeon as they like. Furthermore, it would be recorded as commission complete if you do not break the record of the

highest floor"

"Errr, what is the current record for the highest floor?"

"30th floor. Although the adventurer did take a peek into the stairs (heading down into 31st floor), but he felt fear and returned back. On a side note, the adventurer is A rank at that time, but he might be an S rank now"

I see. I recall that going 30th floor is equivalent to Lv 30, so an A rank adventurer strength is about this level. Since he felt danger during that moment, he might be around Lv 27 instead.

If that is the case, Misha is already an S rank adventurer.

Maa, a cat can't be registered as an adventurer, so it doesn't matter.

Alright, I finished with the registration.

"This is the badge of a F rank adventurer"

I received a bronze badge.

I have to say that a F rank adventurer is a mark of novice adventurer, so there would be no recognition.

"Nya~"

It's okay, that's fine too – which is the meaning of that 'Nya~'. (T.L. The MC can understand cat linguistics. It is a new language that I recommend everyone to study)

I didn't plan to accept any guild commission at first.

I'll say this beforehand, I have no plans to enter the 31st floor.

First of all, let's head to the dungeon to earn some money!

When I was thinking of heading back, a loud noise came from the direction of the bar.

"Just because I am a beastkin, I am treated as a fool which makes my head hurts yo!"

Apparently there seems to be a fight between adventurers.

The one getting angry is a rabbit-kin adventurer. She is wearing light clothing and it seem she is a thief/scout adventurer. Her party member is trying to sooth her.

"Fun! You wear so little, I thought you must be a prostitute yo. You are just a beastkin anyway so there is no helping it!"

A bearded man is involved in the dispute.

"What! I am a Lv 17 adventurer you know!"

"He, such a coincidence, I am also lv 17"

Misha jumped onto the floor and lightly pulled on my pants.

She pointed towards the door of the guild.

She does not want to be here any longer it seems.

After walking out of the guild, I carried Misha and brought her close to my ear.

"As expected, beastkin still suffers from discrimination ne~"

Her voice sounds sad.

"I might have a beastkin appearance even after I become a human"

"There is no helping it even if we think about it now"

"Goshujinsama, don't hate me even if I become a beastkin ne~" (T.L. Your Goshujinsama have a cat fetish so you do not need to worry)

"Of course"

I hugged Misha tightly.

A cat's body temperature is quite high, so it's warm (hugging Misha).

Both of us head towards the dungeon on the following day.

If Misha is alone she would be able to conquer many floors, but because I am here and there being a limit, considering my safety, the deepest we will go is the 5th floor.

Because there are not many people in the underground dungeon, Misha could freely instruct me by talking.

For example, the time when we were battling a giant scorpion.

"Saa, that's the place! No worries! Just slash based on what think!"

"Dodge that attack!"

"Don't be afraid even if you get poisoned! I will help to cure you!"

I received various advice like this, and (successfully) defeated the scorpion.

"Hai~, you did well. Now, I will give you recovery magic ne~"

Because Misha's recovery magic is strong, it is suitable to train a beginner like me. It is not efficient if you go back every time you sustain an injury.

I just spend 3 days to level up to Lv 5 thanks to this.

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Keiji

Lv 5

Occupation: Adventurer

Strength: 45

Magic Power: 25

Attack Power: 40

Defence Power: 38

Agility: 46

Intelligence: 39

Ability: Piercing

Others: Being raised by a cat (T.L. I dunno how to phase it better > 猫に飼われ

ている)

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"Un, this is about the level of an adventurer that is just starting out!"

Wait wait, it seems that there is something weird?

"The status changed to (Being raised by a cat)! What the heck is that!"

At the start it is (cat owner)

"It seem that status column didn't lie"

Misha laughs while snorting with her nose.

"I can't deny this...."

Next, there is another important topic besides levelling up.

To be frank, that is earning money.

We can find magic stones from the bodies of the monsters that we defeated.

In games the monster's body will disappear, leaving behind money, but such a thing would not happen (in real life).

At the start, I hate touching the bloody body with my hands but I got used to it eventually.

However, the magic stones that the monsters dropped around underground 5th floor are all very small.

On the first day we earned 3000 coins.

While borrowing the help of Misha, this is it (the results).

It is about 30000 yen after conversion. Although 30000 yen is considered relatively high, but this job involves life and death, and Misha is also working, so this equals to earning only 15000 coins per day per person.

If we think of it this way, this job cannot be considered efficient (in terms of earning money).

As I also wanted to collect some information, I went to the guild to exchange the magic stone into coins, I heard the voices of people chatting.

"That person is finished yo~. After he experienced that near death situation, he is only collecting small stones on the low level floor"

Those small stones are magic stones obtained from the bodies of weak monster.

Always avoiding dangerous jobs, those adventurers that keep doing the safe jobs are a target of contempt.

Especially those that keep on hunting on floor that is too low in difficulty compared to their level.

I can understand the reason why though.

If, all the high level adventurers keeps on hunting on the dungeon's 5th floor to earn small income, the work of Lv 5 adventurers (including me) will be taken away.

However, golems will appear on the underground's 15th floor, and the deeper you go, the more dangerous it will be.

Even fighting one single monster requires strategies (at such level), and there are cases of being surrounded by multiple strong monsters.

It can't be helped that there are people who value their life and work on lower floors, which is what I think.

But as a matter of fact, I would not be facing any kind of danger. (T.L. Yes, as long as OP cat is with you).

"Your line of thought is too naïve ne~"

Misha said in a small voice that makes me feel uncomfortable.

"(I) have a feeling that (we) are about to be involved in a troublesome matter"

Chapter 6: Conviction

"I have a feeling that we are about to be involved in a troublesome matter"

Misha said this but did not tell me what the specific matter is about.

Misha added on,

"If only you have a sense of danger, that would be for the best"

One week after I began entering the dungeon,
I am already Lv 7.

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Keiji

Lv 7

Occupation: Warrior

Strength: 64

Magic Power: 34

Attack Power: 58

Defence Power: 57

Agility: 61

Intelligence: 53

Ability: Piercing, Cleave

Others: Being raised by a cat

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"Oo! My occupation became (Warrior)!"

Although my magic power is on the lower end of the spectrum, my physical stats should be on the stronger side.

Hence, the status determines (that my occupation) is warrior.

I am still quite weak, but compared to (my status) at the beginning, I have grown a lot stronger.

"That's right ne~, it is about time to change your leather armour into metal based armour. You should have the physical strength to wear metal amour.

"Armour is it.... I remember cheap metal armour would cost roughly 250000 yen"

Unconsciously, I used the Japanese yen to calculate. This is because it is easier to understand (the price).

Custom-made metal armour would cost at least 2 to 3 million yen.

If it is not custom-made armour but mass produced armour for normal solider, even second hand goods will cost 250000 yen.

Zombie and lizard will appear around basement 7th floor, and as the monster will be slight stronger, the magic stone will be bigger and more money could be earn so our saving will also increase.

"Maa, I can only work hard to save up the money"

"Nee~, lend me your ear"

Slightly, Misha's expression gave off a very serious atmosphere.

I immediately positioned my ear next to Misha's mouth.

"Goshujinsama, have you made up your conviction?"

After hearing what Misha said, I nodded my head.

"Of course I have. If not, Misha might get involved in some danger" (T.L. For my cat, I might even be able to defeat the demon king) (E.D I see what you did there =w=)b) (T.L. Uchi no Musume is an awesome novel if anyone have not read it)

I started walking slowly ahead

And then, I reached basement's 5th floor. (T.L. I change 'underground 5th floor' to basement 5th floor from previous chapters)

(I) walked down a narrow aisle and both end of the road were blocked.

There are no (presence) of any monsters.

But there are humans.

There are 4 adventurers who are about Lv 10 judging by their equipment.

The two people in front of me were laughing (with a) 'niyaniya' (sound). (T.L. The MC is surrounded from both the front and the back)

The two men were both about 25 years of age.

One of the man has his hair swept to one side, while the other man has a

huge injury (scar) on his face.

The two men behind are slightly older, but I know that their personality is rotten judging by the facial expressions that they are making.

"What do you need from me?"

I spoke in a slight stiff voice.

"Today's (earnings can still be) considered okay. All the items added up has a total value of roughly 10000 coins. If we include the money on hand, it will be even more"

The man with the swept hair said.

"What is that about?" (E.D. MC say dis)

"After we kill you, that is the possession we will gain" (E.D. Bad guy say dis)

Adventurer hunter

They specialized in killing adventurers and robbing their possessions.

This is illegal of course.

If this matter comes to light, they will not be let off with just an expulsion from the guild. They might even be sentenced to death.

Because it is highly probable that these people are murderers.

Despite (the punishment), such bastards still exist.

There are two reasons (as to why they do this).

Firstly, it is more efficient than killing monsters.

Even in Japan, there would be people committing robberies for just 200,000 or 300,000 yen.

It is not strange that there are this kind of people in this world.

The second reason —

"If you are slightly stronger, it would make our job more difficult, Kuroneko Keiji" (T.L The robber is calling our MC a nickname – black cat Keiji)

"Kuroneko Keiji? I even have a nickname"

It is the same in games, as it becomes harder to level up the higher your level is.

I raised from Lv 1 to Lv 7 within one week.

It is all thanks to Misha that my level increases so fast.

Normal adventurers do not have recovery skills so they could only fight on the lower leveled floors, and once faced with danger they would have to return to the surface.

However, leveling up from Lv 11 to Lv 17 requires a lot of time, hard work and effort.

There is not even a single Lv 30 in the guild as it will take a lot of time to reach that level.

Because of this, there are people who gave up after Lv 10.

Hence, (they can) only spend their time dilly dallying around basement 10th floor.

It seems that there are more people who spend their time dilly dallying than I thought.

Of course, this would also lead to a conflict of interests.

Therefore, there are also some people who kill those adventurers with potential to prevent their interests from being stolen.

"Maa, you also have to take half of the responsibility, Kuroneko Keiji. You will not be faced with such a situation if you formed a party. Just sealing your mouth will be easy since you are alone"

Certainly there is no evidence since the only victim (who is the only witness) is killed.

"You guys, listen up"

My voice is colder than what I imagine.

"If you want to kill me, don't complain if I also killed all of you. Is that okay? I will treat it as self-defense and kill you all"

"Such a possibility does not exist since the start. I will kill you together with your Kuro Neko"

The man with the swept hair attempted to stab me with his sword on one hand.

Foot steps were also heard from my back.

"Misha, I leave my back to you!"

At the same time as I shouted, I blocked the attack from the man with the

swept hair.

I am not so weak that I will be struck down with one hit.

Subsequently, the man with a scar on his face attacked with his axe but I also blocked his attack.

Good, the first round of attacks were blocked.

That should be enough.

I looked at the two men that I am facing.

(They have) a shocked expression.

"Wh, Wha what.... Why would a cat do...."

I did not even have to turn my head around.

The two men behind my back should have been done in by Misha.

"Did you think that Goshujinsama entered the dungeon alone?"

This voice is from Misha.

"Unfortunately, he formed a party with me"

"You, by any chance, a high ranking summon....?"

It's not something like a witch craft though.

At the moment when the man with swept hair felt fear,
I stabbed between the gap in his armour.

The man with the swept hair could not avoid in time, and I cut his body.
"Ouch!"

Even though I am Lv 7, you will still die if you are too careless.
Maa, it seems that its not to the level of fatal injury.
However, the victory is already ours.

Misha suddenly dashed over,
And easily knocked the two men onto the wall.

It seems that she did not use her full strength as the guy with the swept hair is still alive.

"He, help.... Me...."

The guy with the swept hair said with a weak voice.

Misha looked towards me.

I did not say anything but just nodded my head.

I have already made my conviction.

"I want to kill you, because you already know the secret of Misha and me"
(T.L. You know too much hehehe, you can't walk out of here alive now)

Since he knew that Misha could speak, I do not plan to let him survive.

I deal the final blow to the man.

Chapter 7: First job for the guild

The resolution that Misha asked me is whether I have the resolution to kill people.

However, it is not the resolution to kill innocent people.

It is not as terrible as that.

In the situation where your life is targeted by others, we (must) have (the resolution) to kill the other party.

The reason why I did such a thing is because I carry a huge secret.

If Misha's powers is known, I could not guarantee my own safety.

It is highly possible that there would be people who will kill me just to obtain Misha.

Hence, the existence of Misha must not be known by anybody.

One of the reason why Misha stubbornly wanted to learn transformation is also because of this reason.

Be it as a beastkin or a human, (even if she is strong), she will just be a another high ranking adventurer.

She will not be a such rare existence and will not stand out as much as a cat would.

"Goshujinsama, thanks for your hard work"

After we got rid of the adventurer hunter, Misha spoke to me.

"Most of it is thanks to Misha"

"However, it is quite difficult for a human to kill another human"

If this is Japan, such a situation definitely will not happen.

When I was still working in Japan, there was case of a thief robbing a convenience store.

The culprit was caught almost immediately, and a few days after, the case was made headline on news.

Murder will also not happen as frequent in a small prefecture.

Moreover, since four people was killed this time round, needless to say that it will be the biggest case for the year (if this is in Japan).

"I do not regret it. I am an adventurer and not a salary man anymore"

I said it indifferently.

Misha also does not want to kill people.

However, I did not have a choice.

If we do not intend to kill anyone and just escape, even if we successfully escape the encirclement by the low level adventurers, our secret would be known to them.

"Let's eat something slightly better today, let's ask okamisan for additional side dishes"

"Good ne~, I want to eat fish"

"Let's do that then"

As this place is very far from the sea, there is practically no fish cuisine.

Incidentally, when I asked okamisan about fish cuisine,

"We don't even have dried fish! Sorry about that –"

She spoke in a loud voice.

From that day on, Misha and I steadily proceed through the dungeon.

After reaching a certain milestone, my level raised to Lv 10.

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Keiji

Lv 10

Occupation: Warrior

Strength: 87

Magic Power: 46

Attack Power: 76

Defence Power: 75

Agility: 80

Intelligence: 68

Ability: Piercing, Cleaving, Helmet Splitter (T.L Dictionary say 兜割り= helmet spilt, which I assume it is armour break?)

Others: Neko's Partner

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"Judging from what I did until now, there is nothing wrong with identifying my occupation as a warrior"

I chat with Misha in my inn room.

A room like this which nobody else can enter is important so we could talk in secret.

"That's right, let's work steadily like this"

Misha felt joyous with my growth.

Furthermore, my status also changed from "Being raised by cat" to "Neko's Partner".

I am being recognised after I reached Lv 10!

I am honestly happy.

However, I am still overwhelmingly weak so I still feel guilty.

Even though I said this, even if I became as strong as a hero, our relationship would not change.

"Aa, Misha, are you feeling bored?"

Despite being Lv 71 ,she is still hunting around the 10th floor and it does not fit her status.

"Not at all, anything is fine as long as I am with Goshujinsama"

Misha said as if it was natural.

"Or I should say this, different from the time when you are a salary worker, I am happier now that we can always be together"

I see, I wonder if I could also think of it this way.

"However, there is just a bit of regret...."

Misha said this with a gloomy tone.

"This place, there is not even one piece of fish.... even dried fish is okay, I want it"

This is because the capital is in the middle of the mainland so fishes rarely appears.

Furthermore, there are very few citizens that love eating fish unlike Japanese so prices of fish is relatively cheap.

The merit for selling fishes also decreases.

As a result, the appearance of fish (in this city) became very rare.

"The city near the sea eat fish normally but it will take around 2 days to travel by foot from here"

"It will take 2 days of walking for human, but it will be even more difficult for cats"

Oh right, lets compare it this way.

It is like the hurdle of walking to Hokkaido (T.L I have no idea how the author managed to come up with this comparison)

As we speak, it is already time for dinner.

Luckily, the food in this inn is delicious.

"Keiji-kun, you reached Lv 10 already?"

Okamisan asked me while I was ordering food.

I felt that our relationship became that of a hostel student and a hostel manager (T.L. I guess Japan hostel manager are very friendly? I only saw my hostel manager once throughout my 1 year in university)

"Hai, I just leveled up"

"Congratz! You can already be independent! Alright, I will treat you to one dish today!"

She felt happy for me like a mother.

Well, my real mother does not have this type of character though.

However, the conversation does not end here.

"Oh right, Keiji-kun, you haven't accept any commission from the guild yet right?"

"Aa, that's right, I have to first improve my own ability or I can't handle the commission properly"

If an adventurer only has the ability of an ordinary men, then the requester might as well ask an ordinary man to carry out the request.

In most cases, the one accepting the request must have a certain level of ability.

Of course, there are also simple requests such as to walk their dog, but points for completing the quest are also very little.

"In other words, you currently do not have any commission in the near future?"

"Hai, that's the case"

"If that's the case, could I request for you be a bodyguard for a goods

carriage"

Okamisan approaches me closely and spoke.

"Is it fine even if I am level 10?"

"I would like to have more details"

"Well, my shop purchase goods once a month and within the purchase, we will have a large quantity of dried fishes"

Misha's eyes opened widely.

"Because there are some people that want to eat fish. Of course, my husband also knows how to make fish cuisine and would not lose to those chiefs living in the harbor"

This statement gave me some expectation.

"Every month we will load some fishes onto our carriage and usually we will put up a commission through guild to hire some bodyguard, but there are some rowdy adventurers that will just loot the dried fishes"

Well, there are also some lawless adventurers like them.

"Hence, I would prefer to hire Keiji-kun"

Misha was meowing out.

I would have to accept the commission no matter what.

"No problem, is okamisan the one going out to purchase?"

No one will be able to prepare food if her husband is not here.

It is not a day trip like riding shinkansen, and it takes a total of 4 days.

The inn would not be operational for 4 days.

"No, no, my daughter who runs the external operation for our inn will be going. Look, Lunaria came out"

Daughter? Aa, okamisan also have a daughter.

However, since she is okamisan daughter, she would surely have an image of an Edo era girl.

A girl with a gentle atmosphere like that of a falling snow flake appears.

Eeh, is she really okamisan's daughter?

Chapter 8: Runaria's personality

"Ah, Konnichawa, I am Runaria...."

This girl is approximately 14 or 15 years old.

She seems so fragile that she will break into pieces with just a slight touch.

Furthermore, she looks so beautiful, like a piece of art. Or rather, once you see this girl, it would make a sculptor feel the inferiority of their work and destroy their own creation.

"This is a lie..."

How could okamisan give birth to such a girl?

"Okamisan, did you elope with a sickly noble in the past, did you experience such a past?"

Although it might seem rude, I was thinking of their complicated family matters.

"There is no mistake, "Runaria" is the child of my husband and I. Whahaha!"

"Aa, If I knew this is how women are, I would not get marry (like this now) ..."

(T.L Not sure about this sentence)

I think this is a joke, but the inn boss is sighing from the kitchen

"Ano, if it is not too troublesome, can I depend on you during my purchase?"

Runaria's voice also sounded very sweet.

Misha bite and tugged on my pants.

Goshujinsama, (you are) spacing out too much, her eye is saying as such.

You would also like to eat fish, so it's the same here.

"I understand, leave it all to me"

In fact, I was also thinking it is about time to complete a guild request.

Of course I agreed.

However, after we returned to the room, Misha sarcastically started blaming me.

"In the end, human males still prefer young girls"

"No, that, this much is natural..."

"The matter about me, you keep repeatedly saying that I am cute right?"

"That is not a lie"

Misha sighed with a "Ha~"
The sigh is like that of a human.
"As expected, to attract the interest of goshujinsama, I must become a human"
(Misha) seems to be jealous, a women's heart sure is difficult to understand.

On the following day, I went to the guild to accept the commission.
It is necessary to accept the commission through the guild, as it is not counted just by a verbal agreement in the inn.
Well, the requester will reject all other adventurers beside me so there is no need to worry about others getting the job first.

Hence, on the second day, a relatively big horse carriage was parked in front of the inn.
"This carriage is borrowed once a month. Maa, this carriage is the shared property of the town"
Okamisan said "Well then, I shall leave it to you" while laughing loudly.

"Ano, I have something in my mind that I need to ask"
There is a matter that I am slightly concerned with.
"Is it fine that a male adventurer is traveling with a lone girl?"
"Or rather, I am more troubled that there are no rumors (of my daughter with guys). That girl is always doing sewing work with girls only"

(Is okamisan) trying to create a fateful encounter?
Are~, then, is this not the perfect opportunity...?
"Futhermore, there is one more reason which you will know once you travel"

I understood the reason once we started traveling.
"Misha-chan, really is cute desu"
Runaria walked while carrying Misha along.
Runaria, the horse and I are walking side by side without feeling tired.



"I (Watashi) love cats very much. However, the cats in the city are not as friendly. I feel that a domestic cat is equivalent to a child"
I see. It does not seem bad traveling together with a cat (for Runaria).
As Misha is unable to speak, she friendly cried out 'Nya~Nya~'.
Misha should only be close towards me, but this is a part of the job so I understand and let it go. *(T.L Lol MC jealous of the cat? Btw I am also not very*

sure of the above 4 sentence)

Our destination is a harbor city south of the capital called Napuuru. The distance is approximately 40 nagu, which is 80 km when converted to kilometers.

This distance will actually take two days for a horse carriage to cover.

Due to the long distance, it is extremely difficult to transport fresh products. There is also the issue for the cost of transportation so most fishes are dried before being transported back to the capital. This allows the fish to be preserved and also reduce the weight.

I heard all this information from Runaria.

Although I thought that she is more of the quiet type of character, she is surprisingly outspoken when there is only the two of us.

"However, is it sufficient having only me as your bodyguard?"

This is the shortest route from the capital to the harbor city Napuuru so the public order is still not as bad.

In fact, it will be extremely troubling if the main route from the capital to the sea is blocked.

I spent the trip chatting with Runaria, slept on the carriage for one night and arrived at Napuuru uneventfully.

Because this is the harbor city, there are a lot of muscular guys on that streets who look like being good at fighting. It is the same scenario in the guild so this is slightly scary.

Then, we went to the fish merchant for the sake of buying dried fishes.

"Let me negotiate the cost of the purchase"

Runaria said that.

Is it truly fine (leaving it to her) ...?

The sly and cunning merchant will definitely jerk up the price.

There was however no cause for concern.

Runaria's expression changes the moment we met the merchant.

Why, does it feel like okamisan came out?

"Hai~, eto~, there are 8 boxes for dried fish which cost a total of 6400 coins.

The merchant stated the price.

"Too expensive! This is considered small for this species of fish during this season. Nobody will buy it if you do not lower the price!"

Runaria raised her voice during the negotiation.

"Th, then, how about 6000 coins?"

"Still too expensive! Let me take a look. Ahh, look, the colour and the shape of the fish is bad and small. This at most 4500 coins!"

"I will go out of business... at least make it 5300 coins..."

"5000 coins!"

"I... I understand..."

The merchant is obviously being pressurized.

What's more, Runaria is the party pressurizing...

"Ahh, and, please bring out two boxes of small dried fish!"

"How, how much should it cost...?"

"Should I change the supplier next time?"

"I understand... I will give it as an add on..."

I carried Misha while looking at the scene.

"All women have two face ne~"

Misha said in a whisper.

Anyway, since Runaria's voice is so loud, Misha's voice will not be heard regardless of what happens.

"That's right... Well, Okamisan's blood flows within her after all, this..."

After the trade is concluded, Runaria came back as if nothing has happened while changing back to her fragile look.

"I ended successfully. Thank you very much..."

"Now I understand the reason why Runaria was selected..."

"I, am not used to talking to men, so I was nervous..."

That is definitely a lie.

Well, all we have left to do is to send the carriage loaded with dried fish back. However, things does not go as expected.

At night, while keeping watch at the front of the carriage, Misha's nose twitched a few times.

"It is the smell of the beasts"

Even if it is not as sensitive as dog's, a cat's nose is also relatively good.

"Is it stray dogs?"

"There is a high chance that it is monsters"

I drew my sword.

Chapter 9: The pride of a guard

Thinking of it calmly, a carriage loaded with food will surely be targeted during the return trip.

From the perspective of the beast, we are like an easy prey. It is no surprise that we will be attacked by beasts.

Along with the sound of footsteps, something's appeared in front of us. The things that came out are 5 wolf-like creatures.

Their eyes however glowed red, and like what Misha said, it is better to treat them as monsters.

"So, what shall we do?"
Misha asked me.

"Jaa~, I will defeat the three over there. Misha please take care of the other two"

"You have become stronger ne~, Goshujinsama"
I got praised by Misha.

However, let's leave the praise after we defeat them.

The enemy's movements are extremely agile.
Even so, I have been training a lot.

I activated the ability 'cleave'.
I swung the sword as hard as I could while leaving behind a line of light.

"Eat this!"
Although the damage is not fatal, it is still considered a relatively good first attack.

Without stopping, I swiftly stabbed the wolf that is the closest to me to death. Not a bad sequence of event.

"Nyaaa!"
At the same moment, Misha easily killed one of the wolves.
The wolf's neck had been twisted to a weird direction.
This should be the world's most dangerous cat punch.

I also pursue and attack the already injured wolf.

In that confrontation, I purposely reveal a gap in my sword stance and the wolf dashed towards me.

It took the bait.

I gave the wolf a kick.

This fellow only focused on my sword.

I broke the wolf's posture with my kick

Without letting it recover, I pierced its head with my sword.

The remaining wolf attempted to run away but I killed it immediately once it turned its back toward me.

There must not be any hint of hesitation or it will be fatal.

You have to put in more effort if you want to run away.

"I finally graduated from a salaryman to an adventurer"

Misha already finished the remaining one during this time.

"As I expected, Goshujinsama became stronger ne~"

"Although I'm only Lv 10"

"Most likely, you are stronger than some ordinary Lv 10"

However, Misha suddenly showed an alert expression on her face.

"I still sense the presence of other creatures!"

At the same time, I heard Runaria scream.

I immediately run towards the carriage.

There was a monster whose whole body is slimy/sticky.

Furthermore, it had long nails like that of a sickle.

(T.L Unfortunately, I have trouble understand these two sentence)

Runaria attempted to escape from the carriage

However, the monster rooted in front of Runaria which made her so scared that she fell on her butt.

It is fortunate that she did not sustain any injuries yet.

"It seems to be an Imp living in the swamp around these area. It is also this area's strongest monster"

The words Misha said might be heard by Runaria but now is not the time to be concerned about such a thing. Maa... Runaria seems to still be in a shock so there should not be any problem here.

"Goshujinsama, be careful! This monster is different from the previous small fry monsters; its intelligence is extremely high"

"Even if that is the case, we do not have any time!"

I felt that this creature's target is not the fish but Runaria!
Its long nail swing towards Runaria.

"He, Help!"

I do not have the time to be hesitating.

I stab forward using the sword in my hand.
Please make it in time!

"Baka! Won't Goshujinsama be killed instead!"
Did she think it is a reckless attack as Misha's voice sounded from my back.
"I am a guard!"

"Jaa~, I am goshujinsama's guard!"

Misha dashed forward from my side and overtook me.
Her speed is so fast that my eye could not see.
As expected of a Lv 71.

And instantly jumped towards the face of the Imp.

The Imp's vision is blocked and showed signs of confusion.

Its movement stopped.

Now!

I pierce through its chest.

I immediately withdrew the sword and slash the Imp.

The enemy randomly swung its nails around but I can handle it at such close proximity.

The nail accidentally gouged my body but it is not a serious injury.

In the meantime, I slashed and destroy the enemy's arm.

Victory has already been decided.
Slowly but surely, the Imp fell.

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Keiji
Lv 11
Occupation: Warrior
Strength: 96
Magic Power: 50
Attack Power: 86
Defence Power: 83
Agility: 90
Intelligence: 74
Ability: Piercing, Cleaving, Helmet Splitter
Others: Neko's Partner

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A~, it seems my level has increased.
It seems that the Imp gave a good amount of experience points.

But, Misha made a "Nya-!" sound which feels extremely scary.
It seems that I will be lectured later on.

However, there is still one more thing I have to do before that.
"Does your hand or feet hurt?"
I offered my hand towards Runaria who is still sitting on the ground.

"T, Thank you very much..."
Apparently, it seems that Runaria regained her senses.

"Although you have just went through such a frightening experience, it is better if we move now. There might still be monsters similar to the previous one coming over"
It will be troublesome if even the horse was attacked.
"I understand.... I, I will bear with it...."

Runaria might also be worried as she accepts my suggestion immediately.

However, while walking towards the carriage —
Runaria leaned against me.

"Runaria?"

"Gomennasai, I, very afraid, very scared..."

That's true.

One wrong step and Runaria will be killed.

I hugged Runaria's shoulder.

Although I felt embarrassed, but this is the only thing I could do to make Runaria feel better.

"Do you feel a bit safer now?"

"Hai... thank you..."

"Although I feel bad, but we should slowly walk. We can't always be like this"

"Hai..."

We are not strangers, so if she could feel the body warmth of the other party, Runaria will also calm down slightly.

However—

Misha forcefully climbed onto my shoulder.

What to say, it feels like I am supervised....

No, she is obviously supervising me.

"Goshujinsama, I will let you eat my cat punch if you cheat"

Misha said in a small voice.

I will die if I received a Lv 71 cat punch.



(T.L This novel seriously have so much pictures 0.0, which is awesome =)

Afterwards, we did not get attacked and safely reach the capital.
Although I expected it already, okamisan thanked me furiously.

"I heard your bravery from my daughter yo~! Thank you very much!"
I was hugged multiple times by okamisan, but I wish you could go hug Runaria

instead.

Misha did not get jealous because of this as expected.

I got hugged too tightly that my ribs started to hurt, so I wish okamisan would stop...

"Mou, the rental is free for the next 30 days!"

"No, I will pay the rent properly no matter what!"

Besides, I also receive other type of "reward".

On the same night we reach the capital, Runaria came to my room.

It was just at the time Misha was lecturing me.

Chapter 10: Confession and the Limitation of a Cat

I am still being lectured by Misha up until now.

"At that time, if I didn't come to help, Goshujinsama will likely be dead"

Misha is talking about the matter of me jumping in front of the Imp to save Runaria.

"As an adventurer, your situational awareness is lacking. And you should also treasure your own life"

"There is no helping it. If Misha was standing in my shoes, you will definitely do the same"

This is also a matter I could not compromise on.

This is because I was hired by Runaria as a guard.

Hence, I felt that I did the correct thing regardless of whether I am being a good guy or an adventurer of the guild.

After a moment of silence,
Misha sighed like a human once again.

"That's right ne~, I also feel proud having such a splendid goshujinsama"

"I will be delighted if you understand yo~"

"It's true that you are manly back then. However, treasure your life more ne~"

"Un, I know"

It is certain that if Misha is not a cat, she would not be able to overtake me jumping into the face of the Imp.

A second of difference is enough to determine between the life and death of an adventure.

I need to be more careful as I am not a salaryman anymore.

Misha jumped onto my lap.
Similar to what I did in the past, I gently stroke her back.

"Goshujinsama's hand, is warm..."

"This is because a cat's body temperature is high"

"What I meant is the spirit yo~" (*T.L. not sure what Misha meant here?*)

— Konkon, Konkon

Someone is knocking on the door.

Misha and I jumped in surprise at the same time.

From the perspective of an outsider, all I am doing is petting a cat. However, this is the lovely dovey time for Misha and me.

I peeked and saw Runaria face through the small keyhole. I immediately opened the door.

"I apologise for the sudden visit..."

Runaria looked as though she might still cry anytime.

"I would like to thank you one more time...."

"Aaa, so it's about this matter. You do not have to worry about –"

All of a sudden, Runaria fell towards me.

No, that's not it.

She is hugging me tightly...

"You risked your life to save me so I am extremely grateful to you..."

"This is just part of my job"

"But, I am still very happy..."

As I have no experience in dealing with such a situation, I began to panic slightly.

Just when I was thinking that it is fortunate that I became an adventurer.

"Ano... Keiji san..."

Speaking of which, I did not realise that she always calls me by my name.

"I Like you desu... will you marry me? ..."

Eeh, suddenly asking for marriage?

I see, it is not strange for the people in this world.

Aa, no way, no way.

This and that are different matters.

This is the answer that Runaria reached after much consideration.

What matters the most is the current situation.

She mustered up her willpower and came here to confess.

Despite knowing that an adventurer's job is extremely dangerous and I might travel to all sort of places anytime.

In contrast, I —

"nya..."

Misha cried out sadly.

Not good. I will only betray Misha if this continues any further.

I know that Misha always loved me. *(T.L I dunno how I feel about this...)*
Although love could not be quantified, without a doubt, Misha always loved me way before I met Runaria.

"Sorry" is what I said. *(T.L No no no what are you doing MC)*
Of course, I said this to Runaria.

"There is someone waiting for me. She is also an adventurer like me"

"I see desu..."

Runaria seemed a bit lonely.
And then, she slowly raises her head.

"Sorry, I must have given you a shock"
"Unn, I am happy as well" *(T.L Unn = impolite form of 'no')*
"Ano, could I ask something?"
"Un, what is it?" *(T.L Un = impolite form of 'yes')*
"If, the person waiting for you is no longer around, will you still accept my confession?"
"Of course"

"Thank you" *(T.L o.o Misha your life is in danger)*
Finally, Runaria left my room while smiling.

"It seems that I have to keep a closer watch on Goshujinsama ne~"
Misha said this after Runaria left.
"There is no such thing. I will fail as an owner if I made Misha sad"
"I see. But..."

Misha glance at me while looking suspicious.

"If, I am not around, won't Goshujinsama accept her confession?"

"Aaa, stop suspecting me!"

"Also, you seem so happy being hugged by a young girl"

"Th, that... aren't all men like that..."

It will be weirder for a man to dislike being hugged by girls.

"Just now, although I gave you permission to do as you like, it seem that it is better for me to withdraw the permission"

"What?! So unreasonable!"

It seems not too bad to keep on flirting like that – but the atmosphere suddenly becoame gloomier than expected.

"Because... when I saw Goshujinsama hugging another women... I became extremely angry"

I felt that Misha might cry anytime.

Her voice is shaking.

"I can't do anything because my body is that of a cat, so I felt unease..."

Because she is a cat.

The pain Misha is suffering is probably more than what I can imagine.

I seems that I must do something to ease her pain.

"Sorry, I let Misha feel upset"

Misha immediately hugged my wrist.

It will be good if this is sufficient to calm Misha down.

"Haa... although I feel happy when Goshujinsama is stroking me... but at the end of the day, it is but a relationship between a pet and her master"

Although what she said was true, it seems that this is not sufficient to satisfy Misha any longer.

"As expected I can't go on like this. I would also cause Goshujinsama some trouble"

"What trouble?"

"For example... we can't do things such as kissing"

"If it is kissing, I feel that we can still do it?" *(T.L I feel my motivation dropping*

trying to understand the MC)

Since a cat also has a mouth.

"Wrong! There is no meaning if it is a kiss between a cat and a human!"

It seems Misha is very particular about the matter of kissing.

"In other words, we must not kiss now. The first kiss should be left till a later date! – Alright!"

It seems that Misha made some sort of decision.

"Let's go to the guild to find a high paying job. And then we will be able to buy the grimoire to turn me into a human. Also Goshujisama's level also raised to Lv 11 so we could accept some better commission"

"You seem so motivated..."

"Tomorrow, immediately, GO TO THE GUILD NE~! Because I definitely want to become a human girl and love-love with goshujinsama! And then kiss when I become human being!" *(T.L I change "Raburabu" from mate to love-love so it sounds better)*

Chapter 11: The Path to Getting Rich

On the morning of the following day, Runaria shyly looked away when I bumped into her.

Afterwards,
She greeted "Good morning..."
It seems that I didn't get hated after all.

Upon reaching the guild,
The very first word that the receptionist said is "Congratz!"

"Your rank raised from F to E!"
"Aah, is it due to the completion of the guarding mission? But is it possible to raise in rank just by completing one mission?"
I still feel happy ne~.

"Maa~, it is easy to rise from F rank. Moreover, the requester came over yesterday and elaborated on what you did. She is quite a young lady"

Aah, it must be Runaria.

"Because it is an admirable action to protect the requester from a horde of monster, your evaluation is increased as a result"

It seems Runaria must be quite happy ne~.
Does she wish that I can quickly increase my adventurer's rank?
I feel guilty for not accepting her confession.

I need to thank her properly the next time we meet.

"Next, this is the reward"

"Thank you very much"

Although it is fine receiving the reward directly from okamisan, it is still better to obey the rule and retrieve the reward from the guild.

"Just E rank and you are already this happy"
I turned around and saw a drunkard who is lying on the table with his face.
Seeing something positive happening towards other adventurers so early in the

morning, those bunch of drunkards must be feeling unhappy.

In actual fact, Rank E is still considered low.

"Well then, which kind of job would you accept next?"

"To be frank, a job which can earn a lot of money"

This is Misha's goal.

"I see.... let me see~, a job with high pay..."

It seems that the receptionist is checking various matters.

"Although there are various commissions with high rewards, but something which a E rank could accept... not many..."

That is the reality.

Everyone would become an adventurer if even a rank E could earn a lot of money.

"Aah, there is a job which pay 5 million coins ne~. Furthermore, there is no ranking requirement for this job"

"5 million!?"

I could buy 4 of those transformation grimoires. It will be 50 million yen if I convert to Japanese yen.

"By the way, what kind of mission is it?"

"The tomb of the royal family in the northern country has fallen into the hands of monsters, so they hope to have someone to reclaim the tomb"

Misha cried out "Mya~"

This means "No"

"Sorry, I will give this a pass"

"I see, speaking of which..."

I am sorry for causing you trouble, receptionist.

"Although there is no requester for this, do you know about the appearance of the golden slime on B23 of the dungeon?"

"No, this is my first time hearing of it"

Because I did not dive so deep into the dungeon before.

"The Golden slime is a monster which contains a high amount of gold. One of

it weighs as much as the table over there"

"From the way you say it, the slime weighs quite a lot ne~"

Although I faced many slime during my dungeon exploration, most of them are made of liquid so I did not really care about their weight.

"We can retrieve large quantities of gold from this kind of slime and its shiny magic stone is also very valuable, so it could be sold for high price. If you could bring back the entire body, the guild will purchase it for 6 million coins"

"This is it!"

I screamed out without thinking about it.

However, a roar of laughter could be heard from the bar at the same time.
"Baka. This is B23. It is not a place where an E ranked adventurer can reach"

A bearded man said it.

It's true that I understood what that man was trying to say.

It is impossible for me based on common sense.

However, this man did not treat me only as an idiot but also gave me some useful advice.

"Based on the adventurers that I know, many of them are about Lv 17 and also aiming for the golden slime. They only reached B23 after much effort"

Ooh, speaking from his personal experience, I appreciate it.
It seems that he is not a bad person.

"However, speaking of B23, every monster you meet is life threatening. Furthermore, the chance of a golden slime appearing is extremely rare"

Well, there would definitely be more people hunting if that place is filled with mountain of treasures.

"Even if you reached B23, you need to return to the surface before finding the golden slime once you sustain injuries. Speaking of which, there is a Lv 16 adventurer who died on the way back up. This is not suitable for you"

"Thank you very much"

Looks like his purpose is not to treat me as an idiot but to warn me.

"There are many causes of death among adventurers. Due to financial constraints, some of the adventure also died while aiming for the golden slime. What is your level now?"

"Lv 11 desu"

Maa, but Misha is Lv 71.

"If you go alone, it is not sufficient even if there are multiple of you. You should honestly earn money by hunting scorpions and centipedes on the lower floor"

Misha remain silent while looking down.
That is true, nobody will have a hard time if it is so easy earning money.

Misha and I left the guild.
We hunted magic stones at the lower floor and returned to the inn early.

"Ha~, if I could change to a human form, I could go to B23 alone"
At the night, Misha complained inside our room.
"Even if I defeat the slime using my cat form, I am unable to bring the body back. First of all, it is difficult for me to put the slime's body into a bag... I am unable to carry it..."

Even though her dinner is dried fish, Misha looked extremely devastated instead of being happy.
"If only I had a human form, I could go in as a mage apprentice... As expected it is impossible for a cat..."

I did not wish to see Misha showing such an expression.
Hence, there is only one thing left to do as her owner.

"Misha, let us go the B23"

"Baka! This concerns Goshujinsama's life!"
Misha immediately denied my suggestion on reflex.
"Although I have no problem, Goshujinsama might die even if you receive one hit. Do you still remember the matter regarding the golem on the 15th floor?"
There are definitely risks involved.

However—

"If we move little by little, we can definitely reach it. Furthermore, Misha also knows how to use recovery magic"

Misha and me stared at each other.

I did not have any intention to give in.

"I understand"

Misha nodded her head.

"But, our target is until B23. We will return once there is any danger. Is this okay?"

"Un, I will leave the final decision to you"

Chapter 12: The route to floor B23

On the second day when I decided to head to B23 to defeat the golden slime.

I bought the most expensive plate mail that I can afford.

I accumulated quite a sum of money thanks to the reward from the guild as well as the money from diving deep into the dungeon. Hence, I managed to buy a second hand one for 40000 coins.

I won't die instantly even in worst case scenario.

Misha would be able to heal me back to full health and I could also buy more time while waiting for her to defeat the enemy.

My status for strength is also considered relatively high.

"There is one thing you must promise me. We will return immediately once I judge the situation as dangerous. Absolutely abandon the thoughts that you can still carry on"

"I understand"

It is certainly a bad move trying to force your way through the dungeon.

This is what happen after that —

"Ah, let's stop here for today"

"Obviously you look tired. Let's stop here"

"You can't concentrate anymore. Let's stop here now!"

"We can't handle the fire breath of the baby dragon ne~, let's stop here!"

We are still unable to reach floor B23.

But that is as expected.

It will certainly be dangerous going there at such a low level.

Fortunately, my level also increased as we fought enemies which gave high experience points.

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Keiji

Lv 14

Occupation: Warrior

Strength: 125

Magic Power: 65

Attack Power: 111

Defence: 110

Agility: 105

Intelligence: 87

Ability: Piercing, Cleaving, Helmet break, 力溜め (T.L help... Give me suggestion for 力溜め)

Others: Companion of a cat

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It would be safe to assume that I have graduated from being a newbie adventurer already.

"We finally crossed over the next phase ne~"

Misha said this while exploring the dungeon one day.

"It seems that there are a few different phases an adventurer will go through. The first stage is when you reached low lv 10. As strong enemies will begin to increase, there will also be a few that do not dare to continue while others will die during battle"

"I understand yo~, those adventurer hunters I previously met falls into this category"

"The next phase is when you reached Lv 15. The danger will greatly increase as golems appear so you would not win if you do not have a proper strategy"

Certainly even one mistake will be fatal.

"There are many people who will quit at this phase due to mental exhaustion or die after meeting an enemy that is too strong"

"And we are just reached this phase"

We are at floor B15 at that time.

We met a golem but Misha cleaned it up.

We still have some room to spare this time but I usually will hear the word "Let's stop here" soon after this.

Actually, I receive a direct hit from a Behemoth when I was Lv 13 and it took

about half of my physical strength.

It is correct to be careful here.

However, we did not meet many enemies on floor B16 that day.

We made it to the stairs connecting to floor B17.

Such good luck.

When luck comes, it comes in continuous batches.

This time, luck is on my side.

Although we did have not enter floor B17 before and it might be dangerous if we are surrounded by enemies on this path, luckily we did not encounter any enemy and managed to reach the stairs to floor B18.

A Minotaur came charging over once we reached floor B18.
It swings its club down towards me.

"What are you trying to do to Goshujinsama!"
Misha destroyed the club using her cat punch.

"Although that was a dangerous moment, but well, it seems safe judging from the end results"

The enemy appears one by one afterwards but Misha destroyed all of them.

And then we managed to break into floor B19.
The path to floor B23 is getting nearer.

"Speaking of it seriously"
Misha could not let her guard down because of me.
But I could feel her raising emotions from her words.
"Maybe this time, we could succeed"
"I think so too"

We also encountered enemies on floor B19 but they were all lured by Misha to a dead end and instantly destroyed.

This is an effective battle strategy as the Minotaur and baby dragon we encountered on floor B20 were defeated using the same strategy.

The stairs to floor B21 was easily discovered by us.

"I am getting hungry"

Honestly speaking, I have never tried exploring the dungeon for such a long period of time so my sense of time is getting disorientated.

Lunch time might already be over but I did not feel like eating.

If I took out some bread and eat, the smell might attract monsters over and it will be disastrous.

"Should we go back then?"

"Let's continue. I want Misha to become a human"

I said it clearly so we will not be diverted from our main purpose.

I did not really want to enter floor B23.

But I really want to make Misha into a human.

"Absolutely do not die"

"I will absolutely live and return for Misha"

The monsters on floor B22 were all sleeping so we managed to proceed with caution.

There is a monster wearing full body armour and it looked extremely strong so I did not want to fight it.

There is also a monster with a giant eyeball and it's devil eye magic skill could temporary disable the usage of magic. Misha would be unable to use recovery magic for a period of time so I would like to avoid it as much as possible.

And we finally found the stairway leading to floor B23

Misha said this statement in front of the stairs.

"Let's go yo~, take a deep breath first"

I take in a deep breath and slowly exhale.

"I am prepared for it"

Let's go to the floor B23 which has the golden slime.

Chapter 13: Slime extermination

The atmosphere on B23 is totally different from the other floors before it. Not only is the atmosphere different, the appearance of the dungeon also changed.

The walls were made of tiles.

It seems like we are inside a temple for a goddess.

"It might be traces left behind by some ancient religion"

"Even so, they made it too deep"

"This means that there is a terrible thing inside this place"

I do not want to even think about it.

Some evil god might even be dwelling here.

"Let's find a dead corner for safety reasons"

"I understand"

When Misha is standing in front of me in a dead corner, Misha can fight the enemy 1 on 1 safely.

Although I do not wish to encounter any enemies, we will not achieve the purpose of coming here if we failed to find the golden slime.

It was such a tricky situation.

It is certainly not efficient searching for the golden slime by moving around randomly.

I also understood the reason of the man's advice in the guild.

A Lesser dragon appears before we find a golden slime.

The enemy strike me with its claw.

— Gaa !

My body got knocked back greatly.

Although I managed to block it with my sword, I was still swiped to the floor by the tremendous strength.

"I received so much injuries even after I blocked properly"

"What are you trying to do to Goshujinsama!"

The Lesser dragon was sent flying by Misha with her full strength.

"It is dangerous after all"

Misha immediately used her recovery magic on me.

Although it is quite reckless,
My injuries will be healed as long as there is Misha's recovery magic.
I can still do it.

After the battle ended, Misha look at one of the walls while talking to me.
"That"

A voice that sounded like she was thinking seriously.

"What do you think a golden slime would eat?"

"Eeh....? I don't think they will eat bugs... probably they eat gold?"

"I also think so. I believe that the golden slime is formed after a normal slime consumes all the accumulated gold in the underground dungeon. But, doesn't this floor seem extremely weird?"

Is this a riddle?

Speaking of which, Misha keeps staring at the wall since a while ago.

Ah, that's it!

"There should not be any gold in the tiles of the temple's wall"

I have never heard of any wall constructed using gold in a temple.

"If that is the case —"

Misha spoke full of confidence.

"— There is a small area with rocky walls somewhere on this floor and the rock is exposed to the surrounding. It is highly possible that the golden slime is there"
The golden slime is over there eating the gold ore.

Misha and me proceeded through the floor with caution.
I feel slightly irritated as the floor is obviously wider than all the previous floors.

We walked carefully while making sure not to provoke any monsters.

At a certain point, the tiled wall disappeared
And is replaced with a rocky wall which looks like all the previous dungeon floors.

We were then attracted to a small room —

We discovered a golden slime hanging on the wall.

"FOUND IT!"

Misha shouted out unconsciously.

"Oi, you will attract other monsters over!"

"Goshujinsama, I apologise! But, it is because I am too happy so..."

I know how you feel.

We finally found our target.

What is left is to defeat this follow.

However, I forgot a very basic fact.

This is a variant slime that live so deep in the dungeon.

It must also possess a certain level of ability.

The golden slime jumped towards me.

I decided to use my sword to face it – but I am unable to cut it's body due to its unexpected resilience.

And it is extremely heavy!

I am unable to stand up anymore!

Despite not suffering much damage, the weight of the slime on my head gets heavier and heavier.

This is bad!

I will suffocate if it sticks this close to me!

"Get away from Goshujinsama!"

Misha immediately began to attack and help me.

Misha attack is extremely high.

There is no way a slime could take the attack.

That is supposed to be the case but —

"What... Only the area that got hit is damaged...?"

I see, a slime would not die as long as it's core is not destroyed.

If we attack an area outside of its core, only that area would suffer damage.

"What should I do! If I do not find the core soon, Goshujinsama will die!"

I know that Misha does not have the time to hesitate and is clearly panicking.

Of course I am also panicking.

"Bastard! Go and die!"

Both my hands are free since the slime is sticking onto my head now.
I swing my sword around but it does not cause much damage.

My conscious is beginning to fade.
This is the sign that I am about to die.
Will I die in this place?

Don't want.
I absolutely do not want to die.
I have not given Misha her happiness.
What would Misha do if I die?
She could only live a lonely life in this other world.

I did not manage to hit the core at all.
Just where is the location of the core!

Wait.
A slime is also a biological creature.
The core should be hidden in area difficult to attack.

Which location is hardest to get attack?

I raised my sword upwards.
And the aimed towards my chest area and pierce down.
"This is it!"

There is high chance of hurting myself if I tried to attack the slime – so that should be where the core is.

I felt something hard when I pierce it.
The slime became soft the next instant.
I felt the pressure around my face weakened.

"Puha!"
I jumped up and gasped for air repeatedly.

The sword should have destroy the core of the slime.

"Ah... Mou!"

Misha jumped into my chest even before checking my condition.

I hugged Misha on reflex.

"You almost died Goshujinsama... What are you even doing..."

Misha spoke while choking on her words.

"Sorry, it is indeed dangerous a moment ago..."

"I could not even hug you at a time like this, being a cat is inconvenient..."

Misha begin licking my hand.

This is the limit of what Misha could do now.

She is unable to hug tightly despite yearning to do so.

Hence, Misha wanted to become a human.

"Your dream will come true soon"

I said this while looking at the body of the now dead golden slime.

The golden slime losses all its power and is lying flat on the ground.

"We can buy that book with this"

There is also another thing to celebrate

My level rose again.

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Keiji

Lv 15

Occupation: Warrior

Strength: 132

Magic Power: 68

Attack Power: 119

Defence: 118

Agility: 112

Intelligence: 92

Ability: Piercing, Cleaving, Helmet break, Charge Up (力溜め)

Others: Companion of a cat

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As expected of a monster found in B23.

Defeating one of it gave me such a high experience value.

"I would not be defeated at the lower levels anymore"

"Absolutely never be over confident. This is also a phase where many adventurers went through"

Misha coldly refuted my statement.

Indeed, the adventurers I know got killed by golems at this level.

"But this is a fact I could not deny. Goshujinsama finally became a splendid adventurer"

I got praised by Misha in the next moment.

"Please do not move. I will use recovery magic on you now"

All my fatigue is also removed once Misha used her recovery magic on me.

Chapter 14: Purchase of the Magic Grimoire

The body of the golden slime was separated into a few parts and placed into a bag.

"It is quite heavy... although I already knew it at that time when I was being squashed by it"

It weighs approximately 30 kilograms.

Or rather, I finally understand the reason why it could fetch such a high price judging by how much gold there is.

"It is too dangerous for Goshunjinsama to carry it since it leaves so many gaps in your defense"

Certainly, the bag is quite bulky so it gets in the way.

"Although it gets in the way, there is no other choice"

We finally agree on Misha dragging one end of the bag by pulling it with her mouth while I carry the other end.

As expected of a Lv 71, she carried it with effort to spare.

"Clap your hand if an enemy appears behind you"

"Un, I know, I do not want to die either"

Despite being a little awkward (carrying the bag), we returned to the surface. Honestly speaking, I felt the danger was over once we returned back to B14. If it is the enemy from this floor, I could handle it 1 on 1 without any problem. Furthermore, it does not seem like enemies such as golems appear.

"Beporeeee returning to the fufacee, do noth let yor guardth down" (*T.L sorry this is the first time I tried translating like this. Basically, Misha is biting the bag while speaking so her pronunciation is supposed to be weird*) (地上に帰りつくまふえふあ、油断しふあだめよ – *feel free to help me translate into a better sentence*)

Misha reminded me while holding the end of the bag with her mouth.

I am ashamed that I let my guard down, so I must reflect on my actions.

After we returned to the surface, we immediately head to the guild to exchange it for money.

It would be bad if the item got stolen.

The receptionist (whose name is Aria by the way), said "Ano, please come to the

back"

And took us to the office on the second floor behind the counter so as to not attract unwanted attention.

"I am sorry ne~, if what you have in the bag is really a golden slime, there might be people aiming at Keiji-san..."

That might be the case.

It is not strange for people trying to steal someone who is carrying tens of millions of yen on them.

Even if there is no thief, there might still be some strange people trying to get close to me.

Aria held her breath after seeing the golden slime inside the bag.

"Amazing... This is my second time seeing a golden slime with my own eyes"

Misha proudly cried out "Nyaa~"

"However, I am impressed ne~. Many people lose their life on their way to find a golden slime"

"I am just lucky"

"Myaa-!"

This time Misha cried out with pride.

It meant that "my goshujinsama is amazing right?"

I could understand what Misha is trying to say from the difference in her tone. I have known her for so long after all.

"Please wait a moment as I go get the person in charge of cash exchange"

The person-in-charge came after a slight wait (He is an uncle who looks like a typical merchant)

"Ooh, this is an item you do not see that often..."

The appraisal he gave made me happy.

"Let me see, how about 4.8 million coins for this?"

Of course I immediately agreed.

With this, I could immediately purchase the magic grimoire that cost 1.2 million coins.

"However, I am unable to bring out such a huge sum of money at such short notice. How about I give you the rights to tab this amount of money to the

guild"

I receive a cheque booklet which already has the guild name pre-written on it. All I have to do is to write my name and 1.2 million coin onto the cheque and I could purchase the magic grimoire.

"Ah, there is also one more good news yo~!"

Aria-san was all smile while saying this.

"Your adventurer rank has been increased to D!"

Although I felt happy —

"But I did not receive any quest from the guild..."

"No, since you are able to reach B23 and defeat the monster, it is natural for your rank to be raised"

I received the proof that I have become stronger.

Next, we immediately went to the shop selling the magic grimoire.

The shop owner was extremely surprised when I wanted to purchase it with the check.

Certainly, not many people will buy the grimoire as it costs quite a fortune.

"Is this a gift for your wife who is a magician?"

The shop owner asked me.

"Although it is not totally correct, it is also not far from it"

After I returned to the inn, I told okamisan about the matter of the golden slime and was treated to various kinds of dishes.

"Congrulations!"

"It is weird being treated by others despite me being the one who earned a lot of money..."

"There is a lot worth celebrating so do not mind the small details!"

As the condition of the dungeon was extremely harsh, I was so touched that my eye got watery by okamisan's gesture.

Actually, I would also like Misha to share the dishes with me but it would look strange for a cat to eat all those.

"Excuse me, could you also make something special for Misha too?"

Misha lay her face onto my lap as a sign of gratitude.

And after dinner,

Misha begun reading the body transformation grimoire enthusiastically.

"I see ne~. So this is how you read it"

I got used to the scene of a cat reading a book.

There are 3 stages involved in learning a new magic spell.

The first way is to repeatedly read a new grimoire.

A magician could learn a wide huge repertoire of spells by memorizing the spell this way.

The next way is to actively trying to understand the principle of the spell.

You usually learn it under the teaching of a grand magician.

You might also possibly acquire a unique spell from them this way.

However, it is not necessary to have an excellent teacher to become a magician and not all grand magicians have excellent pupils.

At such a time, a grand magician will make a grimoire to prevent the loss of their unique spell.

Hence, this is also a reason why there are many grimoires on the market.

Of course, if there is an extremely rare and special grimoire, it would not be sold to the market.

In principle, it is also possible to create your own original magic thinking logically.

(Creating an original magic) is considered the third way of acquiring magic, but none of this concerns Misha now.

Nevertheless, to become a great grand magician, it would not be bad for us to try and create our own original magic when that time comes.

Or rather, it is highly possible for Misha to walk on this path judging by her strength.

From the first day she started reading, Misha spent four days reading and getting familiarized with the grimoire.

And got used to flipping the page with just her eyes.

And then on the fourth day,

"Let's try using the body transformation spell"

Misha said so with a cool and calm voice.

Chapter 15: Misha, becoming a human

"Let's try the transformation magic!"

"I see, finally..."

I sucked in a deep breath.

Or rather, it seems I am the one who is more nervous.

Misha finally could take on the form of a human.

"I do not know if I could succeed on the first attempt. Luckily, it would not cause fatality even if I fail and there is also nothing I could not achieve.

Although transformation magic is a relatively advanced magic, it will become simple to learn for anyone above Lv 25"

"It should be easy since Misha is already Lv 71"

"However, it is difficult to transform into a human and a Lv 25 could only maintain the form for a very short period of time. They will return back to normal after one minute so it seems that time technique is only useful for tricking the guards"

"Ah, I see. There is a difference in terms of effects even if the magic used is the same"

Most magic in this world are ranked from (1) to (5).

The magic with the least effects are ranked from (1) to (2).

The recovery magic my Misha used is of the highest level of rank (5).

"In terms of efficient for a recovery magic, it is easier to transform into an animal with smaller body. It is most likely to visualize the image of the whole body. Hence, it is easy for a human to transform into a cat than vice versa"

"I see. It makes sense that it is less likely to get a wrong visualization of a smaller item"

"However, I must succeed"

Misha said with eyes full of her determination.

Then, Misha stood on her hind legs and looked like she was walking – She stretches both of her front legs forward.

Then, smoke started to appear around Misha.
Half of my room began to be filled with smoke.
However, I also could not afford to open the window. The smoke then
dissipates after a short period of time.
Immediately after the smoke dissipate – The silhouette of a young girl appears.

She looks to be about 1(X) years old. *(T.L Fill in the blank, I purposely omit it)*

Nonetheless, her breast is so small that I would not be surprised if she says
she is even younger – but I do not care about such a thing!

There is a pair of cat ears on her head. *(T.L Nekomimi is the BEST. GREATEST!)*

There is also a cute tail around her butt.

"M, Misha?"

That child stared hard at me to seek confirmation.

"I, s, succeed right...? ... That right ne~?"

At least Misha's voice did not change at all.

"U, Un... It seems that is the case..."

"I, I did it, Goshujinsama! I, finally became a human!"

Misha dashed forward to hug me.

Due to the impact, I was knocked onto the bed.

"Goshujinsama, you understand right? I, became a human yo~! I could touch
Goshujinsama yo~! I could hug Goshujinsama yo~"



(I did it, Goshujinsama! I, finally, became a human!) "Ano, I feel happy being hugged... but... that..."

Misha is totally naked now.

"...Are, my clothes are..."

It seems that Misha also noticed something strange.

"Nya!!!!!!"

Misha screamed even louder than when she was a cat and this made me take a few steps backwards.

"It is so embarrassing not wearing clothes after becoming a human... It is so cooling, that I could not calm down at all..."

Misha used her arms to cover her body.

Ah, her body is covered with fur when she was still a cat.

"I could also transform clothing, but, I failed because I was not used to it... It must be due to cats having a low understanding of clothing"

"I, I see..."

"H, hurry up, bring out clothing for a girl!"

"I understand!"

I came to first floor of the inn.

But, it is better to give up. The sun has already set and it is almost night time. The market over here has already closed.

"Ano, excuse me, okamisan... I have a strange request..."

I tried borrowing clothes from okamisan.

Okamisan initially looked at me with eyes full of suspicion, but after a while, she started grinning.

"Aah, no problem, no problem! You can have it if you like! My daughter clothes should fit though! Leave it to me to find the suitable size!"

"No, that, any size is alright..."

Also, it is not good lending Runaria's clothes to a pervert. I also doubt that okamisan is a pervert.

Okamisan started tapping my shoulder.

"The voice of that girl is loud. I initially thought it was a cat but it turns out to be a human"

"Ah, sorry for the disturbance...."

"Everyone knew it even without saying anything. A lady which does this type of business. However, please be more careful next time as our place is an inn. But, you are a young adventurer so it could not be helped"

Ano, what...

It seems like there is some sort of misunderstanding!?

"Drowning in lust, ripping apart that girl clothes, that happens sometimes. This happens to a female adventurer nearby so I know all about it"

"No, Okamisan, that..."

"Don't worry about it, don't mind it, you do not have to pay me since it is not a good set clothes"

"Ano, this is not it..."

"However, please be more mindful next time, as the other guests living here might also notice such a thing"

"M, mou, anyway I shall borrow the clothes"

It is currently more important borrowing the clothes than solving the

misunderstanding.

I passed the clothes to Misha who is still waiting in the room on the second floor.

"There is no hole for a tail on human clothes..."

"There might be clothing made for beastkin, but there is no other choice since it is an emergency"

Misha could only coil her tail around her waist.

I looked at Misha again after she wore her clothes.

I could finally openly look at Misha without guilt.

"How is it? It is not weird right? ..."

Misha is slightly nervous.

"Extremely beautiful"



There is no need to say anymore.

"Thank you, Goshujinsama..."

Misha hugged me again.

I also hug her in return.

I am extremely happy, so happy that I could even melt now.

However, a worrying and unnecessary worry appears on my mind.

At least the matter about Misha, I have to let okamisan know...

For the sake of my reputation...

Chapter 16: Lovey Dovey with Misha

I went and look for okamisan with Misha.

"Ano, this child is my –"

"Aah, a beastkin child..., perhaps her circumstances forced her to be sold to a brothel"

"That's not it!"

This person totally does not listen to what others are saying.

"In order to save her from prostitution, you desperately tried to hunt the golden slime. Yes, yes, this is what true love is about"

Okamisan jumped to her own conclusion.

And this type of scenario will only occur in novels written in the Edo era.

"My name is Misha, and I am the cat that goshujinsama raised"

"Aah, you used transformation magic on your cat and –"

"No, I used the magic on myself"

It should be find revealing to okamisan that Misha is an adventurer that possesses cheat-like powers.

Of course we could continue to hide and treat Misha as a normal cat but I felt it is not good to her.

Furthermore, I felt that it is unfair if I continue paying rent for one person in the future.

Misha now belongs to the human race..., thus it is only fair to be paying rental for two people and we do not have to be so stingy with the rent with the money we earned now.

I told okamisan about the power Misha has and how hard she worked for my sake to become a human.

"Do you believe what I had just said?"

"I believe. There isn't a need for you to lie"

Having said that, okamisan sighed sadly.

"With someone caring for you so much, it is no wonder that my Runaria got rejected"

"Ei..."

"I can feel it even if that child did not say anything. Well, Runaria, you are listening right?"

Runaria appears from the back of the room with an apologetic look. She must be eavesdropping on us.

"Congratulations"

Runaria smile faintly.

"I am sorry that I failed to notice the two of you are in love with one another at that time..." (*T.L Don't blame yourself Runaria. Who would have though a guy will be in love with his cat...*)

"I am also very sorry"

Misha gently hugged Runaria who was almost going to cry.

"I would not cause you so much trouble if I could become a human sooner"

"Don't say that, Misha-san please always live in happiness"

I would feel awkward if I stayed longer.

I left my seat and returned back to my room.

Misha returned to the room not long after with a bitter smile.

"Runaria is such a good child ne~"

"I also think so"

"If, I could not speak human language, that child will definitely steal goshujinsama away from me"

That is a highly possible scenario.

However –

"The only one I love is Misha"

I need to properly convey my feelings.

I already conveyed my thoughts many times before, but I will continue saying it no matter how many more times is needed.

"Of course I know this, Goshujinsama"

I could now properly hold Misha's hand.

This girl has always supported me even in Japan.

I would not get tired even after hugging Misha the whole day.

"In this form, I could openly go on all kinds of adventure with Goshujinsama"

"I might slow you down though"

"You could just slowly train up, not to worry"

"Speaking of which, what is our next goal since we obtained the grimoire?"

I remember Misha telling me her plan for us in this world in the past.

"The next step is to obtain a place for us to live in. I want a love nest with Goshujinsama"

"I seem quite achievable looking at the amount of money we have remaining"

"It doesn't seem bad not having a fixed place to live and travelling around the world as an adventurer. However, I still prefer to have a lovey dovey life with Goshujinsama"

Compared to when I first came here, I am already a full-fledged adventurer so I have already gotten used to this type of lifestyle.

"Maa~, not matter how strong I became, I would still not be comfortable travelling around the world. Furthermore —"

I pushed Misha onto the bed.

It became a situation where I was on top of her.

Misha's black hair is scattered messily on the surface of the bed.
The reason her hair is black must be due to her coming from a black cat species.
And, a face that is white and has slender features.
It felt that she would melt anytime from the body temperature emitting from her face.

"I want to slightly play with Misha"

"I have the same feeling, Goshujinsama"

I spent the time slowly and repeatedly loving Misha on this night.
I exchanged my feelings with Misha on the same bed.

"This, is how it feels to exchange love with the person you love"

"Misha's dream finally came true"

"Un, I am extremely extremely blissful"

At the same time, Misha hugged me tightly.

Even though her nails cause some pain, I still silently bear with it.

Speaking of which, Misha occasionally crawled into my blanket and slept with

me during the period of time when I was still a salaryman.

No way, Misha is already thinking of such a thing during that period. When I think of it this way, Misha is such a dangerous fellow...

The face of Misha who is in human form appears in front of me.
I felt as if I am looking a dream that came true.

"I was still worried the first time when I came over here, but if I knew this is my future, I would definitely come over here sooner"

"Un, I think the same"

I was so fortunate being able to reincarnate.

Also, to turn Misha into the strongest being instead of me, I would like to give huge thanks to the goddess.

Furthermore, I am also thankful for letting Misha transform into such a cute young girl.

I would even believe If you told me that it is my fate that I died together with Misha and reincarnated into this world.

"Misha, could you continue living as a beastkin? Or would it be better to return back to your cat form?"

This decision is extremely important because I remember from the general knowledge that a talking cat would not receive rights as a citizen of the city.

"I am who I am, so it does not matter whether I am in cat form or beastkin form. – A single usage of transformation magic does not seem like there is a time limit. Also –"

Misha extended her hand and reach out to my head.

"It is better to be able to touch Goshujinsama head like this"

"It is definitely pleasant being touched by Misha this way"

There are various things waiting for us to do in our future life.

"My wish now is, for a long period of time into the future, I would like to stay by Goshujinsama side. Other things do not matter to me. Hence, I would like to think carefully how I am going to achieve this"

Misha thinks for a period of time while her tail swing continuously.

"Alright!"

It seems that Misha made a decision in her heart.

"I will also go to the guild to register as an adventurer, challenge the dungeon with Goshujinsama and finally travel the world"